

DATE: April 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: Capt. Charles E. Redman

SUBJECT : Results of Photo Comparison,  
Case NO. 12,827

REFERENCE : Request from NOK of James M. Jefferson

1. Transmitted herewith are results of photo comparison analysis between the Christmas 1969 film of American PWs in North Vietnam and photographs submitted with reference.

2. The evidence cited in the attached report does not constitute definitive proof of the status or identity of individuals portrayed in the questioned photographs. Therefore, the report is not sufficient evidence for basing legal or administrative action involving rights of missing or captured personnel, or their next of kin. This Agency will accept no responsibility for any such action based on this evidence.

3. All materials received from your office in connection with subject request are returned herewith.

Attachments:

- (1) Christmas 1969 comparison NO. \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Materials submitted with request
  - (a) Overlay
  - (b) 6 precapture photos
  - (c) Other: 6 enlargements of originals

MR: The prisoner in question is Capt Michael C. Lane. See DIA(undated) list, filed in INF-6.

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PHOTO COMPARISON ANALYSIS RESULTS: Christmas 1969 NO. AF #105

1. (U) Summary of request: (Date received: \_\_\_\_\_)
    - a. Please compare the attached 6 pre-capture photographs of James M. Jefferson with the Christmas 1969 film obtained by Representative Zion, especially prints numbered DIA USN USAF #105, also frames 1952 through 1999.
    - b. See attached overlay for exact location of image to be compared.
  2. (U) Summary of comparison performed:
    - a. The following frames were chosen for comparison with the photographs submitted: 105
    - b. Two technicians working independently of each other analyzed the identifiable features listed below.
  3. [REDACTED] Results of analysis:
    - a. (U) Quality of pre-capture photographs submitted: Adequate/~~inadequate~~ for analysis of recognizable features.
    - b. (U) Quality of frames in Christmas film: Adequate/~~inadequate~~ for analysis of recognizable features.
    - c. [REDACTED] The following features were considered similar:
      - (1) Hairline
      - (2) Frontal brow structure
      - (3) Eyebrows
      - (4) Eyes
- [REDACTED]

- (5) Ears
- (6) Lips
- (7) Nose
- (8) Chin
- (9) \_\_\_\_\_


d.  The following features were considered similar;

- (1) \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_


e.  Conclusion:

- (1) In view of the similarity in general appearance and significant number of similar features, Jefferson could be the subject of the questioned photographs.
- (2) In view of the significant number of differences in distinguishable features, \_\_\_\_\_ probably is not the subject of the questioned photographs.
- (3) In view of the quality of photography and the small number of distinguishable features which could be compared, no conclusion can be reached.

f. (U) The same image has been compared with pre-capture photographs of \_\_\_\_\_ Air Force, \_\_\_\_\_ Navy, \_\_\_\_\_ Marine, \_\_\_\_\_ Army, and \_\_\_\_\_ civilian personnel.



g. Comments: No significant differences in profile view. The right ear on the questioned photo does appear to deviate from the known photo in regard to overall contour, but this could be due to the improper lighting or poor grain of the photo print.

4.  WARNING: This photo comparison analysis was performed utilizing the best available techniques; however, the quality of the photographs in question precluded positive identification. There may be other overriding factors concerning the individual's case which could confirm or invalidate the photo comparison analysis.

Attachments:

- (a) Post-capture photographs, with overlay or other exact identification of image to be compared: USAF #105, frames
- (b) Pre-capture photographs: 6 originals & 6 copies 1952-1999